

Amendments In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mattress closing tape ~~taped~~ comprising a narrow-width textile fabric band formed of a set of warp yarns and multiple fillings inter-knitted in a ~~crochet-type~~ warp knitted construction to produce a base fabric layer and a patterned fabric layer, the band having a flexible fabric structure adapted to closely conform to an edge bead of a mattress.

2. (Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 1, further comprising at least four fillings.

3. (Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 2, wherein two base fillings traverse the full widthwise extent of the tape to form a base fabric structure and two pattern fillings traverse relative to one another to form a predetermined pattern.

4. (Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 3, wherein the base fillings are formed at the technical face of the tape and the pattern fillings are formed at the technical back of the tape.

5. (Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 3, wherein one base filling comprises a single filling yarn, the other base filling comprises a single filling yarn, one pattern filling comprises multiple filling yarns and the other pattern filling comprises multiple filling yarns.

6. (Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 3, wherein the base fillings traverse in opposing mirror-image relation to one another and the pattern fillings traverse in opposing mirror-image relation to one another.

7. (Original) A mattress closing tape according to claim 6, wherein the pattern fillings form a diamond pattern.

8. (Cancelled).